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SUBJECT: MEETING ON AID TO INDOCHINA

REF: STATE 197172

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA SOUTHEAST ASIA CHIEF BERENDONCK
AND INDOCHINA DESK OFFICER TRUHART ON THE AFTERNOON
OF OCTOBER 4 TO OBTAIN THEIR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT
MEETING. BERENDONCK BEGAN THE DISCUSSION BY DESCRIBING

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HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFICACY OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC

ASSISTANCE IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. IN THE CASE OF CAMBODIA, HE SAID THAT GIVEN THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THE CONTINUED FIGHTING THERE HE SAW LITTLE POSSIBILITY THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COULD BE EFFECTIVELY USED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN THE CASE OF LAOS HE SAID THE SITUATION APPEARED MORE STABLE AND THE FRG IS GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO MAKE DM EIGHT MILLION AVAILABLE FOR THE SECOND STAGE OF THE NAMGUM PROJECT. HE SAID HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND THERE IS SOME DOUBT IN HIS MIND AS TO THE DEGREE OF THEIR INTEREST IN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES.

2. IN CASE OF SOUTH VIETNAM BERENDONCK SAID THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH AWARE THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WANTED BOTH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. HE EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE GVN TO PUT ANY SUCH ASSISTANCE TO EFFECTIVE USE. HE SAID THAT THE FRG HAD HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE WITH PROJECT ASSISTANCE DESTINED FOR THE DANANG AREA SOME 8 OR 9 YEARS AGO WHERE THE MACHINERY IS STILL RUSTING IN SAIGON AND THEY DID NOT WANT A REPEAT OF THIS SITUATION. IN THIS REGARD HE MENTIONED RUMORS OF ANOTHER POSSIBLE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. BERENDONCK STATED THAT DR. TRUHART ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE AIDMIN WOULD LEAVE ON OCTOBER 12 FOR AN INSPECTION TRIP TO SOUTH VIETNAM IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FRG WITH FIRSTHAND INFORMATION ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY. HE SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT TRUHART MIGHT ALSO VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA BUT THAT SUCH PLANS WERE NOT YET FIRM.

3. EMBOFF STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE USG ATTACHES TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM AS MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE IN THE REGION. HE ALSO REITERATED

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THE VIEW THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAM SHOULD BE CONDITIONED ON THE LATTER'S ADHERENCE TO THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT. BERENDONCK RESPONDED THAT HE WAS WELL AWARE OF USG VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE IF OUR POSITION ON ASSISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAM WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT DECISION OF JAPAN TO PROVIDE \$50 MILLION IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAM.

4. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, BERENDONCK

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STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THE PROPOSED PARIS MEETING COULD SERVE SEVERAL USEFUL PURPOSES. FIRST HE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE OBJECTIVELY (HE STRESSED WORD) WHAT ROLE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COULD PLAY IN EACH COUNTRY OF THE REGION. SECOND IT IS IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS JUST WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES THEMSELVES WISH AND FINALLY HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THE US, ARE PREPARED TO DO IN THIS AREA.

5. EMBOFF GAVE BERENDONCK A COPY OF THE US DELEGATION

LIST. BERENDONCK SAID THAT HE HAD PROMISED TO PROVIDE THE IBRD WITH AN ANSWER BY OCTOBER 10 CONCERNING FRG ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING. HE SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE THIS DECISION DIRECTLY TO THE FRG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS WELL AS THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. HE PROMISED TO INFORM US OF THE DECISION AT THE SAME TIME.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE FRG WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD ATTEND THE PARIS MEETING, IT IS UNLIKELY TO BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS AT THAT TIME CONCERNING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDOCHINA. TRUHART WILL NOT HAVE RETURNED FROM HIS FACT-FINDING TRIP UNTIL THE MEETING IS OVER AND THE FRG WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WANT TO CONSIDER HIS REPORT CAREFULLY BEFORE DECIDING HOW TO PROCEED.
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